

Note to Applicants Who Are Not U.S. Citizens

Thank you for your interest in the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) program. Please consider the highly competitive nature of EIS before applying. Last year we received over 110 applications from non-U.S. citizens for the few positions available to non-U.S. citizens. Because EIS is a U.S. domestic public health service and training program, proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English is essential.

The EIS program is a member of the ***Training programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Intervention NETwork*** (TEPHINET). Current TEPHINET member countries include: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua), Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan), Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Ghana, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe (<http://tephinet.org>).

We encourage foreign applicants from TEPHINET member countries to apply to the national field/applied epidemiology training programs in their home country. When ranking non-U.S. citizen applicants we will give slight preference to candidates from non-TEPHINET countries. However, applicants from TEPHINET countries can strengthen their application by obtaining a letter of support from the director of their national program.

The current contact information for the national directors can be obtained on-line at: <http://tephinet.org/programdirectors.htm>